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The Circulation of The Bulletin.

The Bulletin has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern Connecticut, and is read by more than three times as many people as any other paper in the state. It is delivered to over 8,000 of the 4,000 houses in Norwich, and reaches about three-fourths of the people in Windham. It is delivered to over 900 houses in Putnam and Danbury, and is considered the local daily.

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CIRCULATION

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THE PERSISTENT INTERVIEWERS

Colonel Roosevelt is resolute and he gives notice that the campaign of the newspaper interviewers must cease as he has nothing to say, and their pursuit is vain.

An interested public will look on to see whether the schemes of the St. Albans Hill news center will be abandoned, or whether the newspaper men will continue to flock there and insist upon just a word.

Newspapermen are as persistent as Roosevelt is resolute, and there is likely to be an endeavor made to keep St. Albans Hill in the public eye whether the ex-president will talk or not. The country is greatly interested in the Roosevelt and it will be difficult for them to enjoy the refractory which is the privilege of a less distinguished family.

Among the penalties for being re-named is the newspaper sleuth who is commissioned to look after the Roosevelt, and to give to the people everything of interest about them that can be learned or perhaps imagined.

Roosevelt orders for them to quit will not be of much avail, but if he has a couple of bulldogs and a squad with shotguns to guard the premises it is barely possible that he will be permitted to enjoy the refractory and quietness which he craves and which he really is entitled to.

TAKING THE LEAD.

The state department of the Grand Army of the Republic of Vermont is taking the lead here in New England in the campaign for the changing of Memorial day to the more fitting date than May 30. Concerning their action the St. Albans (Vt.) Messenger says:

"The Vermont G. A. R. has taken a wise step in advancing the substitution of some Sunday in June for the May 30th Memorial day. Whatever sentiment may dictate to be the better way, common sense appreciates the impossibility of crowding upon a people a holiday devoted to a purpose they will not ceremonially observe. The people of America feel the spirit of Memorial day, and if occasion demands, their sons and daughters will live and die all over again the noble sacrifices it commands. But it is too evident that the substitution will not make the day sacred to the memory of the dead, and observe it only as such a period of religious remembrance. The next best thing is to strive to hold the minds and imaginations of such as may yet be held to the sentimental philosophy of our relation to the nation and to each other by appointing a day that custom has not yet wholly wrenched from its holy significance."

There is no reason why this ceremony should be observed on Sunday. In fact, the memorial days of the civil bodies have been made upon the first day of the week. It would be well if they were all held on the same day.

AT ODDS.

It is impossible to tell just at present whether the Jeffries-Johnson fight is to be pulled off in San Francisco or not. Governor Gillett declares it will not; but the mayor of San Francisco enlightens the public in the following terms:

"We run San Francisco and we run it to suit ourselves. We have policemen to do what we tell them to do. The best bet of the day is that somebody will be badly licked in San Francisco on July 4. By that I mean either Jeffries or Johnson."

"Bunk, bunk, bunk. Cold feet for somebody. Just watch me. Will there be a fight? Bet your life."

This is not a classic, but it shows something of the character of the first citizen of the city by the Golden Gate. It will be interesting to note the operation of the forces upon the governor. He may be resolute, or he may yield to the forces—the vested interests—which will be financially benefited. A western exchange says:

"If there are any safe bets in California it is the one the mayor of San Francisco tipped off. There will be a fight. This investment will be protected—But a large bet will this week be taken out of the interest upon it. It looks as if Reno, Nevada, had given the knockout blow."

The supreme court of Kansas has decided that it is the duty of citizens on foot to dodge automobiles. They have had to do it without an order from the court.

A St. Louis millionaire has given all his wealth to promote education, reserving to himself only sufficient to provide for him while he lives.

Lillian Russell confesses that she will never be 40 again, and it is assumed that she remembers clear back to her first husband.

Outer Bay postoffice will not long remain in the fourth class.

NATURAL ADVANTAGES.

The hill city has the advantage of the city on the plain in the matter of health every time, because a slovenly street department cannot prevent the cleaning of the streets by the rains as the water makes its way down the hills to find a level.

Norwich after the heavy June rains looks as tidy as if she had been through a regularly planned and skillfully conducted housecleaning. The filth in the streets which accumulates and breeds disease cannot stay when the heavens open and the rain pours forth in torrents.

But the self-cleaning streets are something of a trial when they have not been made equal to the wear and tear of a downpour and they are gullied out and put temporarily out of condition because the force of the water removes the earth as well as the filth.

The work on our hill streets has been done so well that we have little damage done while we wait for the advantage of cleanliness which the topography of the city guarantees; and to this, as much as to any one cause, we are indebted for our immunity from epidemics of an increasing death rate.

Norwich is one of the healthiest cities in the state and its death rate seldom rises above the normal average per 1,000 of the population.

LEARN TO INTERPRET THE CLOUDS.

It is better to look up than down—better to look up for a purpose than merely for fun—so a little cloud-study might make a pleasant fad for a sharp observer.

Dr. A. de Quervain of Zurich has made a study of the cloud formations and what they indicate. He says:

"When reaching heights of six or seven miles the clouds assume a form similar to that of a cumulus cloud, of three or four miles, and so does not lead to the formation of thunder clouds, merely to the production of fleecy clouds."

"This sort of cloud can be regarded as a presage of good weather. The well shaped fleecy clouds have been sufficiently explained. Often they encompass the top of a quickly rising cloud and until recently were thought to be instrumental in the production of hail. They are always found to be intimately connected with existing fleecy clouds, and on the other hand presage bad weather, occurring previously to a storm."

"Even such reliable presages of thunderstorms are the remarkably delicate varieties of fleecy clouds which are most frequently found at four miles high. On a darker layer they are superposed, delicate white heads. These lofty curly heads, generally in the morning, safely predict a thunderstorm within twenty-four hours. By balloon ascents it was found that the occurrence of these clouds coincides with a sudden drop in the temperature."

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

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The latest suggestion is a municipal church. Who will write its creed?

When politics get hot in Ohio, the Ananias clubs are called into the field.

The man who is willing to do favors for others is in no danger of being long idle.

The glad summer garments are now really coming to the front. Better late than never.

If a dead man's crossing is ever known to aeroplaning it has yet to be discovered.

Nevada has offered such a big price for the prizefight that it looks as if she had won it.

The professors who are advised to weigh their words do not take them to the hay scales.

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The boys who are taught to respect the flag and to abhor graft are likely to make good citizens.

A Pittsburgh juror required two chairs to sit comfortably. He was broad enough to sit on the bench.

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"I have heard no particulars," replied Mrs. Jones. "I know that Prof. Hatchett, the music teacher, has been going with Miss Stringer for a long time."

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"I have heard some perseverance," said Mrs. Bigler. "Take the average man and if he wants a girl bad enough to marry her he'll propose every day."

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

COUNTRY LIFE

"The truth is," said the retired merchant, wearily, "that ennui is killing me. I've simply got to find some employment that will occupy my mind. I'm thinking of buying a tract of land a few miles from town and raising rhubarb for export."

"Don't," cried the hotel-keeper, earnestly. "If you must have some employment buy a dollar watch and spend your time winding it and watching the wheels go around. Buy a fountain pen and try to write poetry with it, and you won't have time to worry about anything else. But don't you be a blamed fool and try to run a farm."

"People who have lived in town all their lives always want to end their days in the country and they have the idea that there's more to raising garden asparagus or live stock, and when they have accumulated a lot of money they buy a few rolling acres and move onto them and break their hearts. I did it myself."

"I had been running a hotel so long that I imagined I was tired of it and my wife felt the same way. She wanted to live in the country where she could hear the bluejays sing and watch the wasps gathering honey and she said she was just sick of the city. We subscribed for a lot of farm papers and sat up late at night reading about the blue life. The papers were edited by a lot of pikers who knew more about grand opera than they knew about being near to nature's heart."

"Well, we read all those pipe-dream farm papers and concluded to go into the chicken business on a large scale. The papers were full of stories of big profits and about being near to nature's heart. One poor widow invested the savings she had made at the washtub in the week with matinee performances on Wednesdays and Saturdays. But the first frost blighted her hopes and she had to leave her home in a hurry. When Sarah Jane told him she couldn't be any more than a sister to him he just picked up his hat, as cool as you please, and said that it was a fine evening, and went away."

"The next day she met him and he merely bowed distant. Then she realized that he was not the same man. Her Bigler's expressions. Well, she was perfectly infuriated with that man and she decided to leave him. She got away she locked herself into a room and refused to eat anything, and she is going into a decline. She's just a shadow of herself. Her sister, Mrs. Wilkerson, is almost distracted over the affair. What do you think Mr. Wilkerson did?"

"I don't know, but if he didn't thrash that professor he's no friend of mine." "That's what I thought," said Mrs. Wilkerson, "but he doesn't seem to have any more pride than his sister-in-law, and he actually went to that music teacher and told him that Sarah Jane was dying of a broken heart. He had the whole matter safely predicted a thunderstorm within twenty-four hours. By balloon ascents it was found that the occurrence of these clouds coincides with a sudden drop in the temperature."

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attend the marriage of the late king, he wore the Highland dress, and Thackeray himself wrote in Punch of the dear little children of the clan of Brandenburg." As for our own royal family, Queen Victoria's phrase, "see other how they are remembered by all who have read her published diaries. Hitherto Mr. Roosevelt has been remembered by the Scotch rank of his ancestry but now it is made clear that he is much more extensively connected with Scotch families. Through his mother, Margaret Bulloch, he is related to the houses of Stobo, Bulloch of Baldermore, Irvine of Colton, Douglas of Elliquhill and Stuart. In fact, he is one of the "family of princes." One feels that one ought to have divined long ago what blood it was that was responsible for the most striking personal success of modern times—London Daily News.

Large and Small Families.

Where the population is largely agricultural and isolated, and where labor is scarce, the husbandman is proud to raise a large family, for the boys in that way help to lift the labor from his shoulders, and also there is always plenty of work for the girls to do about the farm. Moreover, the Scotch people and other peoples are few. But no such stimulus for a large family exists in urban life, where it is often necessary to live in a flat, the very limitations of which point to the inadvisability of a numerous progeny. Moreover, as the individual rises in the social scale former desires become present needs. The coming of numerous children would mean the sacrifice of these needs by the parents, the descent to a lower standard of living, and the parents will not consent.

Finally science has shown that a small family well taken care of makes a better crop in future generations than a large family poorly looked after. The fewer children of the well-provided-for family will actually show more numerous progeny in the third generation.

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generation than will the underfed and neglected children of the larger family. Eugenics is a big question and a conscientious investigation of it will convince anyone that that dogmatic assertion in that field is a hazardous policy. It is a general rule in biology that species with the most numerous offspring are those that bring the most perfect and efficient individuals to maturity.—Minneapolis Star.

Wigwag—Why don't you give up whiskey and drink cider? Guzzler. Great Scott, man! Cider is made from apples, and if your mind can hark back to the Garden of Eden you must realize that the apple has done more to demoralize the world than all the whiskey ever distilled.—Philadelphia Record.

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